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## EDITORIAL

On First, Fourth & Fifth Pages.

### THE LAYMAN'S ULTIMATUM.

The Baptist Layman, of last issue, finishes up its ununctional resume of the Whitsitt and Martin matter, at our late Convention with the following ultimatum:

"These are the historic facts with regard to a question that stirred most deeply the denominational heart at the Convention. Great throbbing of soul there was; but there was very little of the personal element. Only a few unhappy words were spoken, and they came not from the men who insisted that the Convention should speak. The report cast no slur on those brethren who hold the doctrines of Prof. Martin, but it speaks with no uncertain sound as to the doctrines themselves. Will the brethren whose piety the Convention does not question, but whose views of God's Word it expressly condemns, will these brethren give up these views, or will they withdraw from the Convention? Which? One or the other, if they seek the things that make for peace, they ought to do."

Now, there are several things which need to be said in the interest of truth and fairness before even the "Martinites" take up their departure from the Convention. Let us see:

1. As to the "historical facts" that "stirred the denominational heart," it will be seen just how many hearts were stirred by referring to our "plea for peace and harmony" in the last RECORD. Only 101 out of 260, just 159 were quite serene. 2. Then, as to the element of personal feeling. Of course little was allowed to appear—too much religion (?) or policy for that; but these presence happens to know that the man who wrote that "ultimatum" had a bitter, grievous and personal grudge to avenge. 3. Again, as to the "unhappy words" that "were spoken," as we heard them, they did come from the men who insisted that the Convention should speak. Where can you find more "unhappy words" than these: "There are fifty men who will walk out of this Convention. If this matter cannot be considered, or words to that effect? And who knows better than The Layman editor that a most loved and honored brother was publicly accused of duplicity because of his opposing the violation of the constitutional principle of church sovereignty? 4. Then again, how can

those brethren whose piety the Convention does not question, answer The Layman's mighty "ultimatum"? Since The Layman in its following have so severely and furiously set down on the only effort they knew how to make in order to ascertain what in those doctrines they ought to give up? Now, we do not endorse the pamphlet of M. T. Martin as a whole, and especially as it is represented and interpreted by The Layman and some Baptists, and may not be included in The Layman's order to "walk the plank"; but we are free to say that, if The Layman condemns the late re-statement of Martin's views, in THE RECORD of June 24, as essentially and wholly heretical, then the The Layman is the party to "get out." If any body goes, for without doubt and without question there are some sound Baptist views in that paper.

It seems to us, any way, that The Layman is having entirely too much to say about people "getting out" of the Convention. Does it mean by all of this clamor to force a division? Let it remember that we were all here long before The Layman came? Any way, we at least want it distinctly understood that if, by any means, The Layman means that we, or any of us must go, that before we go, we propose to institute a searching and critical comparison of The Layman's orthodoxy with that of THE RECORD'S. Do you see?

Apropos to what "Observer" says in last week's RECORD, we give the following from another issue of The Jasper County Review:

"BARNETT. The holiness meeting closed here Monday morning, and Rev. Guy, with his corps of Christian workers (two women—Eds.), took their departure on the 2:20 train Monday afternoon. The meeting accomplished a wonderful success. About 45 professed sanctification, and several were converted."

The above mentioned Rev. Guy is a Baptist preacher whose standing has not as yet been interfered with in his church; yet he is regarded by many Baptists as preaching one of the rankest and most fallacious, if not hurtful, heresies known in the whole catalogue of errors—that of the second blessing and sinless perfection. The evil effects produced by the preaching of this error, and the accompanying methods, are said to be four fold:

1. It is a false view of the Christian experience, and convicts its professor of adding to the Word, also in that it contradicts and makes void the scriptures which say: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." 1 John 1:8. If this be true, it is, in effect, sowing tares in the field where the good seed has been sown.

2. It produces a false and abnormal profession of the Christian experience, which is wrong and sinful, and can only be accounted for on the supposition that the nervous system and imagination of the victim has been

brought under very great magnetic and psychological pressure, and thus made to mistake physical symptoms for spiritual experiences, or, in other words, to mistake the real for the imaginary.

3. It often produces great distraction and confusion in our churches (several having already been divided), and not infrequently causes the brethren to part asunder in fellowship in the churches, and thus hinders the orderly and scriptural growth of our brethren, and the healthy progress of the Master's cause in the churches and among the people.

4. And perhaps worse than all, it seeks to neutralize the distinctive principles of Christ's churches by fusing them with all sorts of religious iron descriptions, who put all the emphasis upon the single idea of "perfect holiness," thus, belittling the doctrine of real sanctification, or the growth in grace more and more unto the likeness of Christ, the maintenance of the ordinances of the Lord's house, and our earnest contention for the faith once delivered to the saints.

Now, what is to be done to arrest this threatening evil among our churches? Shall we send it up to the Association or the Convention to "stir the denominational heart" and "vex the righteous souls" of our brethren who have been sent there by the churches to devise the best ways and means for carrying forward the great work of missions and education, but which it seems to be subjected to a mighty effort to make it a court of inquiry, or an inquisition to correct the orthodoxy of the churches? Or shall we not some how get the case before the church who only has jurisdiction in the matter, who may, with the help of a regulation council, sift it to the bottom and then take such action as in their pious judgment the facts and circumstances require? Our voice is for the latter, for there only can the hurt be healed.

We suppose our people have by this time recovered from the shock of the late Convention. Would it not be well for us to take up our carriages and move on to the next station. In other words, let us go right up with all of our might in the work of State, Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education and Sustentation. There is much to be done.

The world mourns the death of Jean Ingelow, the famous English poetess. Her verses have been translated into many languages, and have been an inspiration of many lives.

Those are wise words of Bro. William Thigpen in this RECORD. Our brother will find our answer to his inquiries in the plain and strong words of our brother, S. M. Ellis, and others, as well as our own published statements. In our judgment, the independence, the real sovereignty of our Baptist church, was never so much threatened as now. But they are God's, and He rules. Amen!

### OUR FIELD GLASS.

Bro. S. W. Sibley, McComb City, writes: "Our church is doing moderately well. Baptized two last Lord's Day. The mission spirit is growing among us. The country all around is in fine shape. God is with us and I trust we are with God. It is well for us to live; it is better for us to live well. Cheer up my brother; the goodness of the Lord abounds. Scatter the seed for in his own good way and time we will gather the harvest home. We are all well." We rejoice in this good news from Bro. Sibley, and trust rich blessings may rest upon him and his work more and more. Yesterday (Sunday 1st) was a good day with us at Pelahatchie. The pastor preached at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Congregations were large and quite attentive. The Methodist people had just closed a meeting of twelve days' continuance, in which all the Christians of the community were refreshed. We hope soon to follow this up with special services.

Returning from Pelahatchie, we fell in with Dr. Venable on the train, en route for Hazelhurst, where his family are sojourning for the time. He is looking quite well, as though hard work agreed with him. It has been a pleasure recently to meet Dr. B. D. Gray, of the Birmingham First Church. His family have been in Raymond some days, visiting in the home of Capt. and Mrs. W. T. Ratcliff, Mrs. Gray's parents. Bro. Gray is looking well and vigorous, though he has recently been doing some of the hardest work of his life. From Bro. Gray we received the sad intelligence of the recent death of Judge Arnold, formerly of the Supreme Bench of our State. He was a valuable man and one of the deacons of the First Church. Judge Arnold had many friends in Mississippi, who will be grieved to learn of his death. Our good friend, Mrs. F. D. Turner, of Glen Allen, is now spending some time at Montevalle, Tenn., for recreation and the recuperation of her health. She has not been in full health since the overflow in the Delta.

We are deeply pained and feel personally bereaved in the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Young George, wife of Senator James Z. George, Mississippi's illustrious statesman, at her late home, Carrollton. We were Sister George's pastor several years, and at the time her distinguished husband united with the Carrollton Baptist Church. We never knew a more benevolent and sweeter-spirited Christian than Mrs. George. Like her husband, she was always watching for opportunities for doing good, and always improved them. Especially was she kind and helpful to the poor, and here in Jackson, among the poor, her memory is held in the greatest reverence and esteem. May the sorrowing husband and all the members of the family find grace to help in time of need. Please read our statement concerning the Orphanage in another column, and then decide what your duty is.

This letter from President L. M. Stone in this RECORD, gives us strong hope of his early restoration to good health. He is at Biloxi, on our Mississippi Gulf Coast, not only enjoying the cool and invigorating sea breezes and fish diet, but has also the benefit of the skillful professional treatment of Drs. Haralson and Tackett, in their new sanitarium for nervous and chronic and other troubles, which is located at that place. His family are with him on the Coast, and all of the conditions are most favorable. By the way, that sanitarium promises to be of great value to our people. Dr. Haralson is one of our most learned and thoroughly equipped physicians, of large experience and successful practice. For several years he has been president of the State Medical Association of Mississippi, and chief officer on the State Quarantine Board, and by dint of fine judgment and wise administration, secured some most important

improvements in our State and national quarantine service. Having the unlimited confidence of the entire profession, with all of his fine personal and professional qualities, we should think he, perhaps of all others, would be the man to lead in an enterprise like that of the Gulf Coast Sanitarium. Then, Dr. Tackett, his associate, is a man of fine character and most excellent professional attainments, and especially having enjoyed a long period of service with Dr. Buchanan as physician to the lum, where he had unlimited opportunities to study and treat to the finish all manner of nervous troubles, which seems to be largely the predominating disease of the present day; he is thoroughly furnished for the great and responsible work that he and Dr. Haralson have undertaken. We advise all of our people who suffer from nervous, chronic or troubles of any kind, to correspond at once with these good doctors, and, if possible, put themselves under their treatment in their safe and reliable sanitarium.

### Announcement.

The Central Association's fifth Sunday meeting begins Friday, 10 a. m., August 27, 1897, at Madison Station.

J. H. WHITEFIELD,  
Chmn. Ex. Board.

The jubilee meeting of our colored Baptists, recently mentioned in THE RECORD, came off on time and was well attended by the colored people. The addresses were well to the point, and the material results were about 8500 subscribed, which is a good start. Their aim is to establish a good high school or academy in Meridian, rather than one in each Association, believing that much more and better educational work can be done. They have the good will of all our people, and with reasonable co-operation and encouragement, will, we doubt not, attain a good success.















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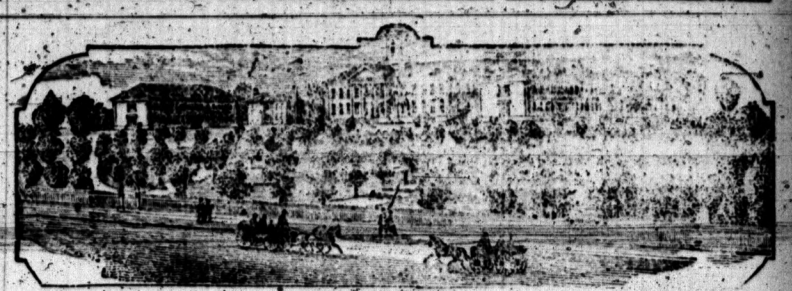
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